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Mr. Ray Hunt
Chairman of the Board
Hunt Oil Company
2900 Interfirst One Building
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Ray:

In case you haven't seen it, I am sending you the attached correspondence about a visit one of our training groups made to your company. I want to add my personal thanks along with the others.

It is indeed refreshing and encouraging to have a CIA activity so warmly welcomed at this time.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Gates
Acting Director

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Mr. Thomas Meurer
Senior Vice President
Hunt Oil Company
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Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Meurer:

STAT I received the enclosed note from [redacted] regarding the Midcareer Course field trip to Dallas, Texas.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to you and everyone else who was involved in making the visit to your company such a valuable experience for our mid-level officers.

Sincerely,

STAT [redacted]


Director
of
Training and Education

Enclosure

17 April 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training and Education

STAT FROM:


Midcareer Course Director

SUBJECT: Field Trip, Midcareer Course #100

1. I have just returned with Midcareer Course #100 from a fantastic visit to Dallas, Texas. Here's what made it so.
2. On 7 April, Mr. Tom Meurer, Senior Vice President of Hunt Oil Company, arranged a meeting with the top brass of his company, including:
 - Mr. Ray Hunt, Chairman of the Board, Hunt Oil Company
 - Mr. Gary Hurford, President of Hunt Oil - Yemen
 - Mr. Ray Fairchild, Senior V.P. - International Exploration
 - Mr. Tony Copp, Finance
3. Each of these men spoke to us for about 45 minutes and then we had time for discussions. I was pleasantly surprised by their frankness. After that, we had a delicious lunch with more informal discussions. (Mr. Meurer even arranged for an escort car to guide our four-car caravan to and from the meeting.)
4. Mr. Meurer wanted to do something special for us, so he arranged a barbecue at a company ranch in East Texas two days later. We were escorted to the ranch and arrived after lunch. We met the host, Mr. Walter Coughlin, and six or seven other company officials. It was a real outing with skeet shooting, fishing, biking, tennis, walking, etc., etc., etc. and then a Texas barbecue!
5. Obviously, Mr. Meurer and his people put a tremendous amount of time and effort into this. They couldn't do enough for us, and I can't say enough good things about them. All of our people felt this was the highlight of our five week course.
6. This was real Southern hospitality - only Texas style!

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